IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ANDREAS KELLNER ET AL

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Title: METHOD OF CONTROLLING DEVICES VIA SPEECH SIGNALS, MORE PARTICULARLY, IN MOTORCARS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized

in that data of operating state and/or operation environment of the motorcar are read from an on-board computer (11) of the motorcar and/or by means of one or more detectors (13) installed in the motorcar.

6. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized

in that in dependence on the detected data of the operating state and/or operation environment of the motorcar, those parts of the vocabulary (9) of the speech recognition system (3) are determined (13) that represent speech control signals that have their effect on the control of function units of the motorcar or on devices installed inside the motorcar.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claims 5 and 6 were made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

5. A method as claimed in [one of the] claim[s] 1 [to 4],

characterized

in that data of operating state and/or operation environment of the motorcar are read from an on-board computer (11) of the motorcar and/or by means of one or more detectors (13) installed in the motorcar.

6. A method as claimed in [one of the] claim[s] 1 [to 5],

characterized

in that in dependence on the detected data of the operating state and/or operation environment of the motorcar, those parts of the vocabulary (9) of the speech recognition system (3) are determined (13) that represent speech control signals that have their effect on the control of function units of the motorcar or on devices installed inside the motorcar.